

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Matthew M. Rosendale Sr, on February 23, 2015 at 8:32 A.M., in Room 317-A Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr, Chair (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D) arrived after roll call  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 363, 2/20/2015; SJ 15, 2/19/2015

Sen. Sesso entered the hearing.

**HEARING ON SJ 15**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:51 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 15, Joint resolution to amend the joint rules regarding revenue estimating.

**EXHIBIT(rus41a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:23 Sen. Phillips  
 00:11:08 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 00:11:27 Sen. Phillips  
 00:11:37 Mr. Everts, LSD  
 00:11:43 Sen. Phillips  
 00:12:17 Mr. Everts  
 00:17:36 Sen. Phillips  
 00:18:08 Sen. Thomas  
 00:21:40 Sen. Phillips  
 00:22:14 Mr. Everts  
 00:22:26 Sen. Di. Barrett  
 00:23:00 Mr. Everts  
 00:23:14 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**EXHIBIT(rus41a02)**

00:24:14 Sen. Di. Barrett  
 00:25:38 Mr. Coles, LSD  
 00:28:16 Sen. Di. Barrett  
 00:29:33 Sen. Thomas  
 00:34:37 Sen. Phillips  
 00:35:55 Sen. Thomas  
 00:39:28 Sen. Phillips  
 00:39:59 Sen. Thomas  
 00:40:37 Sen. Di. Barrett  
 00:41:54 Sen. Thomas  
 00:44:07 Sen. Ripley  
 00:44:34 Sen. Thomas  
 00:45:11 Mr. Coles  
 00:47:09 Sen. Ripley  
 00:47:58 Sen. Thomas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:30 Sen. Thomas

**HEARING ON SB 363**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:49:48 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 363, Revise the revenue estimating process by legislative rules.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:37 Sen. Sesso  
00:51:28 Sen. Thomas  
00:53:24 Sen. Sesso  
00:54:28 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:55:49 Jaret Coles, LSD  
00:56:10 Sen. Sands  
00:56:32 Sen. Thomas  
00:57:16 Sen. Phillips  
00:58:17 Mr. Everts, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:24 Sen. Thomas

**HEARING ON SJ 16**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:59:48 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 16, Resolution related to new legislative procedures for 2017.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(rus41a03\)\*\*](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:28 Sen. Phillips

01:09:23 Sen. Thomas  
01:10:03 Sen. Phillips  
01:10:26 Sen. Thomas  
01:11:08 Sen. Di. Barrett  
01:12:32 Sen. Thomas  
01:14:49 Sen. Sesso  
01:15:17 Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:16:24 Sen. Sesso  
01:17:32 Ms. Fox, LSD  
01:19:14 Sen. Sesso  
01:19:48 Ms. Fox  
01:20:59 Chairman Rosendale

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:21:08 Sen. Thomas

**Committee Business:**

01:22:19 Chairman Rosendale  
01:24:07 Sen. Phillips  
01:24:19 Chairman Rosendale

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:56 A.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([rus41aad.pdf](#))